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wherein the conductor portion and the insulating sheath are inserted in the wire connection portion, and the wire connection portion is pressed radially uniformly over an entire periphery of the wire connection portion and over an entire length of the wire connection portion so that the conductor portion and the insulating sheath are held in intimate contact with an inner peripheral surface of the wire connection portion, and

the diameter of the wire connection portion is uniformly reduced over an entire periphery and an entire length of the wire connection portion.

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Claim 5. (Amended) Method of waterproofing a terminal-wire connecting portion comprising the steps of:

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simultaneously inserting a conductor portion and an insulating sheath of a wire into a substantially cylindrical wire connection portion of a terminal; and

pressing radially uniformly the wire connection portion over an entire periphery of the wire connection portion and over an entire length of the wire connection portion;

wherein the wire connection portion is compressively plastically deformed so that the diameter of the wire connection portion is uniformly reduced over an entire periphery and an entire length of the wire connection portion.

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